

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

ALONZO CULLINS,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CIVIL ACTION FILE
	)	NO.
v.	)	
	)	
SWIFT TRANSPORTATION, CO.	)	
INC., M.S. CARRIERS, INC. and	)	
JOHN DOE DRIVER,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

COME NOW defendant M.S. Carriers, Inc. and, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, files this notice of removal within the time prescribed by law, showing the Court as follows:

1.

On February 5, 2021, plaintiff filed a complaint in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, Civil Action No. 2021CV345500, which county is within the Atlanta Division of the Northern District of Georgia.

2.

This notice of removal is filed within the time period prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

3.

M.S. Carriers, Inc. has not been served and, thus, its time in which to file this notice of removal has not elapsed. Swift Transportation Co., Inc. was purportedly served in the State of Tennessee on April 14, 2021 and consents to the removal.

4.

A true and correct copy of all process, pleadings, and orders filed in connection with this action is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Defendants have no knowledge of any other process, pleadings, or orders filed or served in connection with this action, other than those attached hereto.

5.

This Court has original jurisdiction over the above-referenced case under 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

6.

There is complete diversity among the parties.

7.

Plaintiff is a citizen of Georgia. (Compl. ¶ 1.)

8.

M.S. Carriers, Inc. is a Tennessee corporation with its principal place of business in Arizona. (*See* Compl. ¶ 3.) Accordingly, it is a citizen of Tennessee and Arizona for purposes of diversity jurisdiction.

9.

Swift Transportation Co., Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Arizona. (*See* Compl. ¶ 2.) Accordingly, it is a citizen of Delaware and Arizona for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).

10.

Defendants make a plausible allegation that plaintiff is seeking recovery in an amount in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. *Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co. v. Owens*, 574 U.S. 81, 135 S. Ct. 547, 554 (2014). Specifically, plaintiff is seeking general and special damages for serious personal injuries, property damages, punitive damages of "no less than \$250,000," and attorneys' fees and expenses. (Compl. ¶¶ 17-18, 26-30 & prayer for relief.)

11.

The undersigned has read this Notice of Removal, and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, it is well-grounded in fact, is warranted by existing law, and is not interposed for any

improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation.

WHEREFORE, this notice of removal having been filed, said action shall proceed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, and no further proceedings shall be held in said case in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on June 28, 2021, I filed the foregoing *NOTICE OF REMOVAL* with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will automatically send e-mail notification of such filing to counsel of record who are CM/ECF participants and mailed by United States Postal Service, first-class, postage prepaid, a paper copy of the same document to counsel of record who are non-CM/ECF participants. Counsel of record is:

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